



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Confirmation No. 2719

Yoshitsugu HAMA et al.

Docket No. 2003-1012

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Group Art Unit 1771

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Examiner Jenna Leigh Befumo

LAMINATED MATERIAL OF SEGREGATING MEMBRANE AND SEGREGATING MEMBRANE SUPPORTING MATERIAL, AND ITS METHOD OF MANUFACTURE

Mail Stop Amendment

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of June 30, 2005, constituting a requirement for restriction between (I) claims 1-13 and 32-51 and (II) claims 14-31 and 52-81, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the subject matter of claims 1-13 and 32-51. This election is made while reserving Applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application for the non-elected subject matter of claims 14-31 and 52-81.

Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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